

Hylan Inquiry Constructive, Says Governor

Miller Declares Purpose of Probe Is Not Graft Hunt, but Creation of Plan to Improve Municipal Rule

Charter Revision Is Aim

Expresses His Opposition to Abolition of Penalty of Death for Criminals

Governor Nathan L. Miller, in discussing the purpose of the legislative committee which has been appointed to investigate the Hylan administration, said at the Hotel Plaza yesterday that its work would be more in the nature of constructive criticism than exposure.

Asked whether the committee would bring about economics the Governor said:

"Of course that is the purpose of it. I think that some of the gentlemen of the press have had some misapprehension as to the purpose of this legislative investigation. I do not think that those that favored it regarded it as a fishing expedition or a graft hunt."

"The purpose of this committee is to discover what is wrong in the structure of the city government and in the method in which public business is transacted, with the view to the constructive work which, in the light of the facts, that may be developed by the investigation, the charter revision committee will work out."

"That the city is sadly in need of something along that line seems quite obvious; and an investigation such as only a legislative committee with its powers could conduct, seemed to be the appropriate way to lay the foundation for something constructive. If it does not achieve those results, I shall be disappointed."

"It will be of necessity a general inquiry, and the scope of it must necessarily go into every department of the city government."

Governor Miller, in answer to a question, said that he was against the abolition of the death penalty.

"I think it a very serious question whether the death penalty should be abolished—a very serious question," he said.

"The truth is this: Take the cases where the Governor commutes a death penalty to life imprisonment. The person whose sentence is commuted is very likely to be released and it would surprise you to know that the average term which life men serve in prison is very short. With the increase in the crime of violence I very seriously question whether it would be wise to do away with the death penalty, however much that might suit our humanitarian impulses. But it certainly would greatly relieve the executive of the state."

Glidden and Wife Hurt
First Auto Accident of World Motor Tourist

Major Charles J. Glidden, founder of the Glidden automobile tours, and his wife, Elizabeth Glidden, who are living at the Hotel Lorraine, were injured in an automobile accident at the corner of Madison Avenue and Forty-eighth Street last night.

They were riding in a taxi operated by James O'Boyle, of 322 East Thirty-first Street. O'Boyle was driving north on Madison Avenue, following closely behind a machine operated by John Braddon, of 68 West Forty-seventh Street. According to witnesses, at Forty-eighth Street, Braddon made an improper turn. The taxicab in which Major and Mrs. Glidden were riding crashed into Braddon's machine. Mrs. Glidden sustained lacerations on her face and head, and Major Glidden received a sprained ankle.

Major Glidden, who recently completed a tour of the world, motoring in thirty-five countries, said that it was the first automobile accident he had even been in.

4,000 in Newark to Strike
Building Trades Refuse to Accept Wage Cut To-morrow

More than 4,000 journeymen in the building trades of Newark will be idle as the result of their refusal to accept the wage reduction of the Building Trades Association, effective to-morrow. This statement was made yesterday by Fred Scholl, business agent of the steamfitters' union and spokesman for the other unions involved.

Yesterday the employers met and determined to stand by the wage schedule fixed March 26. The reductions ordered range from \$1 to \$2 a day.

Plant for Making U. S. Money Found in Honduras; 5 Arrests

SAN SALVADOR, April 30.—A large plant for making counterfeit American money has been discovered in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, says a dispatch from that city to-day. Five of the counterfeiters were arrested.

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Organist Sues Church For \$100,000 Damages

Ward Stephens Charges First Church of Christ Scientist Dismissed Him Without Cause

Ward Stephens, organist of the First Church of Christ Scientist for ten years prior to last October, filed a suit in the Supreme Court yesterday to recover \$100,000 damages from the trustees of the church. He alleged he was dismissed without cause by a letter in which the plaintiff was informed that charges had been preferred against him. He has been unable to get a copy of these charges, Mr. Stephens alleges, although there has been much false and scandalous gossip in the church about them.

Mr. Stephens says in his complaint on October 18, 1920, he received a telegram notifying him that he was dismissed as the church organist. This informal notice of dismissal was followed by a letter in which the plaintiff was informed that charges had been preferred against him. He has been unable to get a copy of these charges, Mr. Stephens alleges, although there has been much false and scandalous gossip in the church about them.

The organist was much surprised over his dismissal in view of the fact that on December 24, 1919, his salary had been increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, and on May 1, 1920, he had been re-engaged for another year, and had received a letter complimenting him on his work.

Mr. Stephens says he is a teacher of organ music with a large patronage and a writer of Christian Science music. He alleges that his dismissal and the announcement of charges against him, have done him damage to the amount of \$100,000.

Ask Inquiry in Woman's Death After Love Affair

Had Broken Her Engagement in California; Autopsy Revealed Nicotine Poison

CHICAGO, April 30.—A legal investigation of the death of Miss Marie Vance, thirty-two years old, of Glencoe, Ill., in Los Angeles, recently, supposedly from diphtheria, was demanded by coroner Hoffman to-day by her father, Dr. W. W. Vance, following announcement of the coroner that an autopsy had shown no signs of diphtheria, but had revealed sufficient nicotine to kill a person.

Dr. Vance declared the nicotine could not have had any connection with an operation said to have been performed on his daughter shortly before her death.

Dr. Vance explained that he had first requested an investigation when he received reports from Los Angeles that his daughter had not died from diphtheria. Then, when he heard of her broken engagement with Robert S. Lockhart, a wealthy resident of Covington, Va., and of the operation, he asked that the investigation be dropped.

Dr. Vance said he had tried to locate Mr. Lockhart in the hope that he might throw some light on his daughter's death, but had been unable to do so.

Miss Vance met Lockhart on a train while going to California to visit relatives. They became engaged, and Lockhart brought his children to California, saying he was a widower. A bungalow was rented, and Miss Vance, according to her relatives, took up her residence with the Lockhart family.

Famine Week Begins To-day

China Famine Week begins to-day, when the organization seeking subscriptions to relieve the suffering of the Orientals hopes to double the amount received to date. All the volunteer committees throughout the country have been urged to conduct intensive drives until including next Sunday.

Approximately \$3,600,000 has been transmitted to China through the American committee, and in addition \$1,000,000 has been sent to its workers by the American Red Cross, and the mission boards of various denominations have forwarded more than that amount to their own missionaries.

Father and Son In Battle Over Phelps Riches

Livingston, Clubman and Ex-Member of Diplomatic Corps, Demands Mother's Gems, Valued at \$150,000

Elder Man Claims Income

Says He Has Failed to Get \$10,000 a Year Left by Wife Who Asked Divorce

Papers filed in the Supreme Court yesterday reveal that Harris Phelps and his son, Livingston Phelps, are involved in a bitter litigation, in which the father seeks to compel the son to pay him an income from property left by the plaintiff's wife, Mrs. Eleanor Pell Phelps. The son demands that his father return to him jewelry valued at \$150,000 which belonged to his mother and also demands \$50,000 damages on the ground that Harris Phelps retained this jewelry.

Livingston Phelps, a wealthy clubman, was second secretary of the American Embassy in Petrograd before the Bolsheviks forced him to leave the Russian capital. His wife, Mrs. May de Berteux, who is a co-defendant with her husband, is the daughter of Count Jean de Berteux, French sportsman, whose father was an intimate friend of King Edward VII of England.

Mrs. Eleanor Pell Phelps sued Harris Phelps for a divorce in 1910. Her father, John Augustus Pell, had left her a fortune and she alleged that her husband, who for many years made his home in Paris, had long lived on her income.

She also alleged that Mr. Phelps had become a French citizen, and had absconded with the French money of kidnapping in 1887, French without his consent. Mrs. Phelps died in 1913.

Son Stopped Divorce Action

Livingston Phelps intervened in the divorce action of his parents and the case never went to trial. In 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Phelps signed an agreement adjusting their differences. Mrs. Phelps's will was filed in New York in May, 1913. She left her entire estate to her son. The income on this estate was estimated at \$50,000 a year. Harris Phelps now alleges in the suit against his son that the latter has not complied with the terms of the agreement made by the elder Phelps and his wife in 1912.

The answer of Livingston Phelps is that his father is entitled to a life interest of one-half in the mansion at 7 Rue de Presbourg, Paris, purchased by the late Mrs. Phelps, wife of the plaintiff.

The son also says in his reply to the suit that he is willing to give his father his own one-half interest in the mansion, if his father makes an agreement leaving his interest in the property upon his death to the son, so that the latter may become the sole owner.

Livingston Phelps also alleges that his father has failed to render any accounting of the income from the Paris property since the death of Mrs. Phelps and that he has refused to return to his son jewelry valued at \$150,000 left by Mrs. Phelps.

Harris Phelps says in his suit that his wife owned the properties at 812 to 918 Broadway, 101 Sixth Avenue, 65 Pearl Street and 30 Stone Street and that she had a life interest in 920 Broadway.

Claims Payment Refused
He alleges that the terms of the 1912 agreement with his wife provided that at her death their son was to pay to his father \$10,000 a year and the net income from the properties at 812 to 918 Broadway. He also claims \$10,000 from the proceeds of the sale of 920 Broadway, which was invested in bonds. Mr. Phelps said his son has been receiving about \$24,000 a year from the properties and has refused to pay him the \$10,000 a year agreed to by Mrs. Phelps.

Livingston Phelps is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1907. He is a member of the St. Nicholas Society, Union

Club and Colony and of the Society of Colonial Wars.

He and his father have been estranged for many years. In 1910 the father tried to prevent his son from entering the American diplomatic corps by forwarding to the State Department documents to show that Livingston Phelps had enrolled in the French army in 1906 and had been excused from service because of infirmities, and also that he had failed of appointment to the French diplomatic service. This effort of the elder Phelps was unsuccessful.

Seven Held in Mail Robbery
Bail for Each Fixed at \$25,000; Hearing Friday

Three more men were arrested yesterday and two others are still being sought by the police in connection with the theft of three bags of registered mail from the Central Railroad of New Jersey station at West Eighth Street, Bayonne, on Friday.

The seven men who are now under arrest were arraigned yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner E. R. Stanton in the Hoboken postoffice and held in \$25,000 bail each for hearing next Friday. In fixing bail in the amount of \$25,000 Commissioner Stanton said that he did so because he considered the prisoners "a gang of cold-blooded murderers."

Alien Bill Reported to Senate
WASHINGTON, April 30.—The immigration bill, restricting admission of aliens to 3 per cent of each nationality registered in the 1920 census and effective fifteen days after enactment, was reported to the Senate to-night by Senator Dillingham, Republican, Vermont, at the request of the Senate Immigration Committee. It will be taken up next week.

In May, Borden's Announces
Patrick D. Fox, president of the Borden Farm Products Company, announced yesterday that his company's price schedule for May would be the same as that for April—15 cents a quart for grade B milk and 18 cents for grade A—although there had been an increase of almost one-half a cent a quart in the price to the farmer.

Greece Decorates Ohioan
ATHENS, April 30.—King Constantine has conferred the Order of the Redeemer upon William P. Whitlock, of Cleveland, Ohio, director of Y. M. C. A. work among Greek troops.



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Ansell Says Bergdoll Hid Gold, Fearing Family Pact

Attorney's Letter, Which Obtained Furlough, Told of Another \$150,000 Treasure

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The House committee investigating the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft evader, put into its record to-day the report of Colonel Thomas Q. Donaldson, assistant to the Inspector General of the army, and will begin examination of witnesses next week. The report quoted a letter written by Samuel T. Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the army and the chief counsel for the fugitive, to the effect that Bergdoll was apprehensive of a family desire to control his share of the money inherited from his father and was known to have buried a large sum of money, which was later recovered.

"He now declares that he also hid a second large sum, the remainder of his fortune (\$150,000), in a lonely spot on the mountainside, distant about a day's journey from Washington," Mr. Ansell wrote Adjutant General Harris, in asking release of the prisoner under guard to find it, adding: "That he placed the gold coin in a metallic container and took it himself, unaccompanied, and hid it in a spot which he alone can identify. Circumstances indicate the truth of his statement."

Bergdoll escaped during the trip which resulted from this application and Colonel Donaldson said Mr. Ansell had said he would be morally responsible for the return of the prisoner, and that the thought of Bergdoll's escape never occurred to him.

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